

Exhibits Instruments and Artifacts

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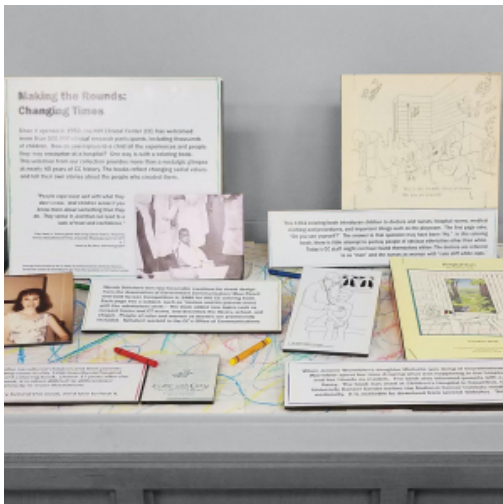
Joseph Goldberger & the War on Pellagra

Dr. Joseph Goldberger discovered the cause of pellagra, a disease that killed many poor Southerners in the early part of the 20th century. His finding that pellagra was caused by a diet deficient in vitamin B was met by political and social resistance.
Building 1



Margaret Pittman

Margaret Pittman arrived at NIH in 1936, beginning a career that would span 57 years and make her an internationally renowned expert on vaccines and serums, as well as the first female laboratory chief at the NIH.
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Changing Times

Who would think that coloring books would provide a glimpse at nearly 40 years of Clinical Center history, each reflecting changing times and telling their own stories about the people who created them?
Building 10



Pretty Patches

Because employees designed these patches, they reveal how people thought about their work at the Clinical Center—sometimes as a heroic struggle and sometimes with humor.
Building 10, 1st floor, near the hospitality desk.



Microscopes

Learn about the scientists behind their microscopes and the vast array of microscopes used at the NIH. Building 10



The AMINCO-Bowman Spectrophotofluorometer

The colorful glow of fluorescent chemicals can identify and measure tiny amounts of substances in the body. This spectrophotofluorometer invented by Robert Bowman did just that.



[A Thin Blue Line: The History of the Pregnancy Test Kit](#)

Discover the history of the home pregnancy test—developed at the NIH—and examine its place in our culture.



Siemens 1-A Electron Microscope

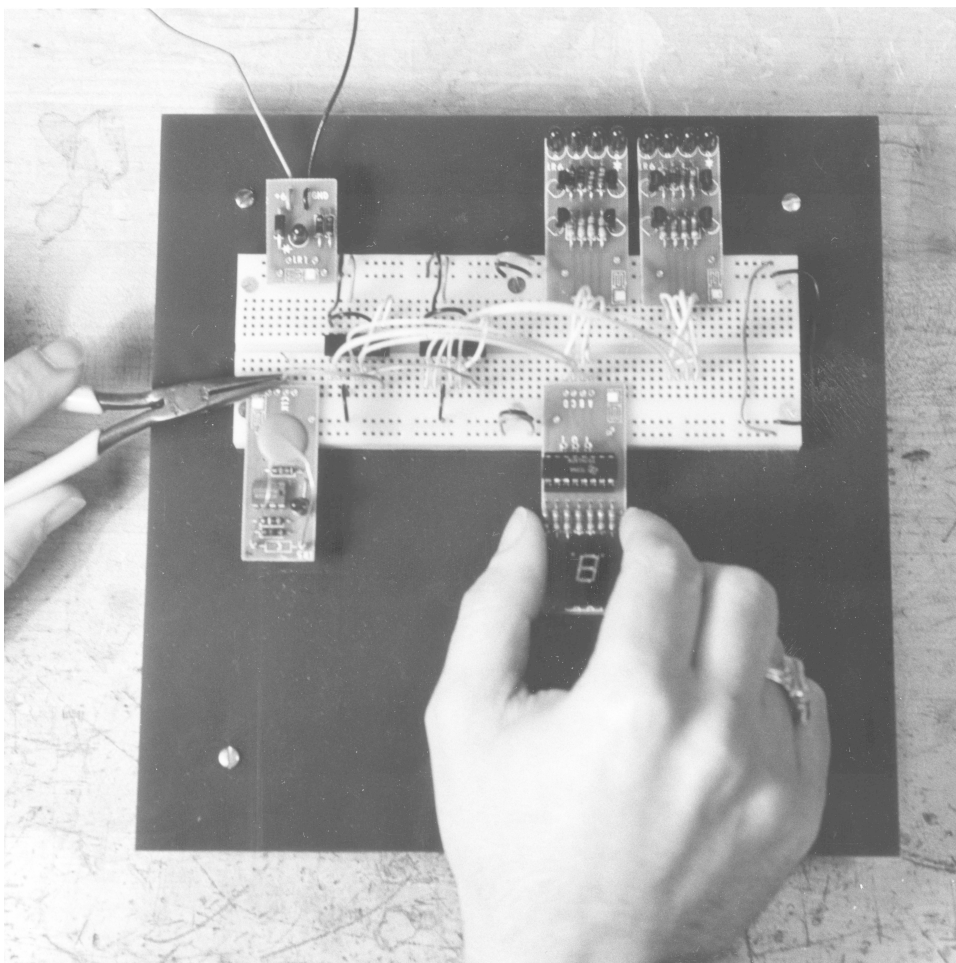
All sorts of viruses were visualized for the first time on this Siemens 1-A Electron Microscope used by Albert Kapikian.
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Varian A-60 NMR

The Varian A-60 NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) spectrometer was the first low-cost instrument of its kind, producing a magnetic resonance image (MRI) that NIH scientists used to study topics such as how the brain develops as children grow.

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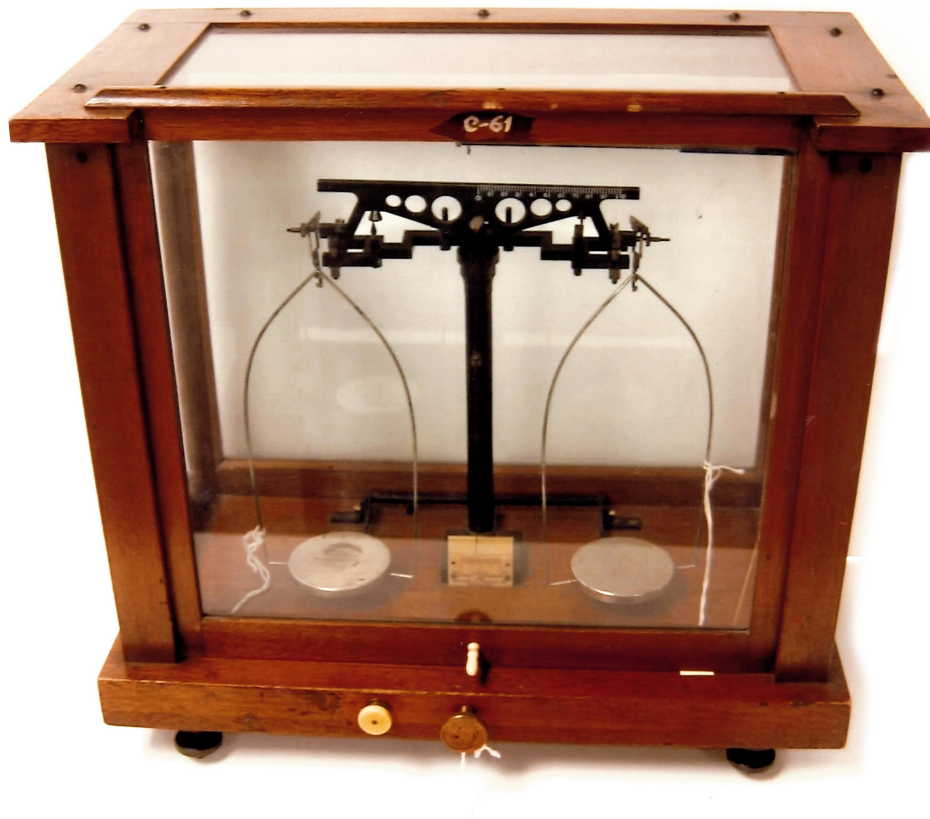
Early Computing at the NIH

This snapshot of some of the computing tools used in NIH labs highlights objects that are now in the NIH Stetten Museum collection.



Early Medical Instruments at the NIH

See a cross-section of precision instruments from our collection used at NIH between 1945 and 1965.



Equal Arm Analytical Balances

Discover one of the most important tools in furthering our understanding of human biology and medicine dating back to 5,000 B.C.